

You're Not Too Old to Buy a Thrift Stamp. Don't Leave All the Work to Children

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ELLS OF NEHALEM TEEMING IN WEALTH

LLION FT. OF TIMBER
Pioneer Settlers Are Now
Being Realized.

Have the dreams and hopes of the early men and women who first settled in the Nehalem valley years ago come true? They have, and if doubtless to this assertion make a visit to that wonderful country and see for yourself.

Surely the old settlers who located the hills and in the valleys out where the real west begins feel a sense of personal pride in their pioneer judgment has been mathematically correct; the tall uncut timber in which they settled would some day be needed for the industrial advancement of the country, and that some day the lumber magnate would make a beaten path to his very door.

This has happened in the Nehalem, particularly the lower Nehalem, since the coming of the Kerry road, and instead of the silence of the forest the shrill whistle of the key engine is heard as the signal given to pull the big logs to the ways to be loaded on cars and then to tidewater for transportation the mills along the mighty Columbia river. Instead of the stillness of years ago the whistle of the locomotive reverberates through the hills and valleys as the logging train carries out thousands of feet of choice lumber which will go into ships—ships which will be used to carry supplies to our boys across the seas. Instead of the solitude of an unsettled or wild section, teams are seen on the good highways drawing the produce of the fertile valley to market and the automobiles of the prosperous farmers whiz up and down the road. All of this is in contrast with the silence and loneliness of the past-clad hills and valleys which greeted the pioneer some 40 years ago, so after all, the rolling hills, rugged cliffs and jagged rock-ribbed mountain sides are not so uninviting they might have appeared to the wanderer from back east, for their numberless peaks held a world of wealth. And the patient, unflinching hermit of the woods who hewed his humble home from split lumber and shakes and underwent many hardships in this pioneering life reap some of the benefit.

And now it isn't lonesome in the woods, for things have changed slightly since the pioneer came to the divide and brought all of the world's goods in on the back of a pack horse; for many peaceful farms are where the forest giants stood, and herds of cattle graze where formerly wild beasts roamed. The struggle for civilization has been tried on for years, and now have good roads, good schools, rural delivery, Grange halls, postoffices, and a land thickly populated with energetic and enterprising citizens. The one big handicap has been transportation, and to a large extent a problem is not yet solved.

Years ago, settlements were established at crossroads which the wisest predicted would some day become a city with corner lots bringing thousands of dollars. The dream of a railroad was a never ending subject, in fact many of the old-timers have their neatly engraved certificates of stock in the electric road which was to be built from the Nehalem to Clatskanie, and they are keeping them as a memento of the time when the smooth-tongued stranger came in their midst and promised to build a railroad to the outside world. Clatskanie, the chief town of the Nehalem, was laid out in lots and blocks, and every time a stranger came to set the stakes the town people secured the real dope and the road they hoped was coming ever came. Several years ago a road was started. No stranger came around to sell stock, but a business man came around to get the necessary right of way, and as soon as this was obtained work began. It was the Kerry railroad which leads from Kerry, on the Columbia river, and winds around high bluffs, crosses deep canyons and pierces mountains and up canyons, pierces mountains and descends the valley near Neversett.

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WOMAN'S CLUB HEARS MRS. CASTNER

Mrs. Charles H. Castner, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs and the only woman member of the state committee for national defense, addressed the members of the St. Helens Woman's Club at the home of Mrs. Frank George on Friday afternoon, March 1.

The work of the general federation was explained and especially the work of the Oregon federation. There are 6,000 women belonging to the Oregon federation whose votes are already having a noticeable effect upon state legislation.

Among the commendable achievements of the federation is the maintenance of a scholarship loan fund, the purpose of which is to assist worthy young women in obtaining an education. It is a remarkable fact that while it has loaned about \$10,000 in ten years, only one loan has proved worthless. The public health department is doing splendid work in its various subdivisions, especially the branch pertaining to crippled children, to whom surgical aid is given. Industrial conditions are followed carefully, particularly where it affects women and children; in fact everything pertaining to the home and state receives careful consideration.

The national defense work was explained at length, its aims and needs and what is actually being done at the present time. As the government calls more and more men to the fighting ranks, the women of the nation must necessarily take their places, and it will be largely the duty and privilege of the 2,000,000 women of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to help the other women of the United States to carry on their work successfully.

Mrs. Castner is a fluent and able speaker and held the undivided attention of the many ladies gathered to hear her.

After the address tea was served and a social hour was enjoyed by the present.

It will be the future policy of the club to have well known speakers address the women of St. Helens from time to time.

MRS. I. E. DODD REAP- POINTED POSTMASTER

Is Officially Notified That She Will
Continue in Office.

Mrs. Iva E. Dodd has received official notice from Washington that she has been reappointed as postmaster in St. Helens, to serve during the next four years. Other postmasters in the state of Oregon whose terms expired during the past month and who were reappointed are Dean S. McWilliams, Halsey; W. A. Richardson, Heppner; E. E. Bragg, La Grande; Edith B. Ward, Stanfield; Brazier C. Small, Turner; Esther M. Evers, Huntington; W. A. Delzell, Klamath Falls; B. L. Hageman, Milwaukie; J. W. Boone, Prineville; Vaughn D. Crosby, North Portland; L. G. Reizenstein, Roseburg; R. E. Williams, The Dalles.

HOW TO PAY YOUR INCOME TAX

Pay your income tax, if possible, by check, money order, or draft. This is the urgent request of the bureau of internal revenue.

More than 6,000,000 persons this year will pay an income tax. The total to be collected under the war revenue act of October 3, 1917, in individual income taxes alone is \$666,000,000. The vast majority of these payments will be small amounts. If paid as requested it will avoid the necessity for the issuance of a receipt, and save much time and labor.

Taxes paid to deputies who are visiting every county in the United States to assist taxpayers in making out their returns are sent to the collector of internal revenue of the district in which the taxes are collected. Checks, money orders, or drafts can be handled without difficulty. Cash has to be sent by registered mail or by insured express.

In the conduct of the war Uncle Sam is beset with many difficulties. You can render one of his innumerable tasks less difficult by paying your income tax promptly, and by check or money order.

WAR SAVING STAMPS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

WILL BE GIVEN AWAY

The Mist Starts a Little Contest for
School Children of County.

Many school children of Columbia county are buying Thrift and War Savings Stamps. There must be some reason for their loyal support of the government's call, and the Mist would like to know their reasons. Moreover, the Mist will make an inducement to find out these reasons. Now here is what this paper offers to the school children of Columbia county: Three \$5 War Savings Stamps and three Thrift cards, each bearing \$1 worth of Thrift Stamps. And here is how you can obtain them. Write us a letter telling us "Why I Buy Thrift Stamps."

The rules of the contest are very simple, and are:

First—You must not be over 15 years of age.

Second—You must write your letter unassisted.

Third—Your letter must contain not less than 100 words nor more than 150 words.

Fourth—You must be a pupil in some school in Columbia county.

Fifth—Your letter must be addressed to St. Helens Mist—Thrift Contest Department, and be in our office on or before Monday, March 25.

Now these are very simple rules, aren't they? Just sit down and write your reason for buying Thrift Stamps and mail your letter to the Mist, and perhaps you will be one of the six lucky ones.

This is how the prizes will be distributed.

Three first prizes are \$5 stamps and three second prizes are \$1 worth of Thrift Stamps. One first and one second prize will be awarded for the best letter from a pupil of the First to Fifth grades; one first prize and one second prize to pupils of the Sixth and Seventh grades, and a first and second prize to pupils of the Eighth grade. When writing your letter don't forget to put grade number, your school and your age on the top of the first page of the letter.

This contest is open to all school children in Columbia county not over 15 years of age. The judges who will pass on the letters are W. B. Dillard and Glen R. Metsker, of St. Helens, and G. W. Watts, of Scappoose, and the letters of the prize winners will be published in the Mist March 29.

The Mist has already bought these stamps from Mrs. I. E. Dodd, the St. Helens postmaster, and as soon as the judges decide who are the winners, Mrs. Dodd will mail or deliver the stamps.

Now, children, get busy and tell the Mist "Why you buy Thrift Stamps. The contest is now open. It closes March 25.

A. L. MORRIS IS NOW FRUIT INSPECTOR

A. L. Morris, of Warren, has been appointed fruit inspector for Columbia county, to succeed J. M. Burkhead, who resigned. Mr. Morris is probably one of the best informed men in the county as to raising fruit and the care of orchards, and will doubtless give highly satisfactory service in his recently assumed position.

THRIFT AND WAR STAMP SALES

Following are the sales of stamps the past week and total sales to date:

Clatskanie	\$33.89
Deer Island	94.60
Goble	120.50
Houlton	29.46
Kerry	82.60
Marshland	45.43
Prescott	36.89
Quincy	2.00
Rainier	133.10
Scappoose	64.85
Vernonia	82.60
Warren	97.35
Yankton	25.65
St. Helens	202.14

Total \$1,051.06
Previously reported \$4,467.36
Total \$5,518.42

TEACHING OUR BOYS USE OF GRENADES



A French sergeant is here seen instructing American marines in France in the art of handling that formidable weapon, the hand grenade, so useful in trench warfare.

ATHLETIC CLUB IS ORGANIZED

F. A. McCarthy Gets Permit to Have
Boxing Exhibitions.

The St. Helens Athletic Club has organized with a membership of about 100, and the following officers were elected: William Alves, president; F. A. McCarthy, secretary, and John Dugan, treasurer. The building formerly used by the Sunset Athletic Club and more recently as a skating rink has been secured, and the members of the club will indulge in boxing, wrestling and other athletic exercises.

One of the purposes of the club is to stage boxing exhibitions, and a petition signed by a number of business and professional men was presented to the council asking that boxing exhibitions be allowed under the supervision of a boxing commission to be appointed by the council. The request was granted and the following have been named as the commission: C. D. Sutherland, H. S. Mason, S. C. Morton, Carl Christensen and Aug. Johansen.

It is the purpose of Mr. McCarthy to have a boxing exhibition Wednesday night, March 20. Before the exhibition is staged the names and records of the participants must be submitted to the commission, who will investigate the men. This is similar to the manner in which the boxing matches are handled in Portland. In that city, the commission appointed by the council has full charge, therefore none but clean bouts and sports are allowed.

Mr. McCarthy has been in St. Helens for some time and is a caulker at the Sommerstrom shipyard. He stated that a number of the caulkers and carpenters are good boxers and like the game and he promises to the sport loving people of St. Helens some clean and good amateur bouts.

Close to 800 men are now employed in the St. Helens and Columbia City yards, and there will be keen rivalry between contestants from these yards when they meet in boxing or wrestling matches. Mr. McCarthy proposes to have two matches per month but the hall will be open every night for gymnasium practice for the members of the club.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES OF INTEREST

A local teachers' institute was held at Clatskanie February 23. About 35 teachers were present.

Goble is 100 per cent Junior Red Cross.

As a result of a visit to the McBride school of Mr. Morris, representing the Industrial Contests for Oregon Boys and Girls, two clubs were organized. One of the two upper rooms, Miss Armstrong's, organized a club of its own.

The upper grades of the McBride school have applied for enrollment as a school auxiliary of the Red Cross.

SHIPBUILDERS PLAN BUILDING A HOSPITAL

A meeting of the shipyard workers was held in the Union hall Monday night, and one of the subjects brought up was the establishment of a hospital in St. Helens. It is understood the workers are in favor of building and owning the hospital themselves.

ELKS' FAMOUS BAND HERE ON WEDNESDAY

CONCERT AT CITY HALL

No Admission and People of St. Helens and Columbia County Invited.

The Mist is in receipt of advice from Hon. Frank D. Hennehy stating that all arrangements have been made to bring the Portland Elks' famous band to St. Helens Wednesday night, March 13. The concert will be held in the city hall, and the program will begin at 8:15 or 8:30. In his letter Mr. Hennehy says:

"The public cordially invited. Come one, come all. Bring the children. Let everybody be happy. Why can't Columbia county turn out in all of its splendor and welcome the antler herd with 'Hello, Bill; glad you come to town?' And, folks, we just want to tell you you will hear some band. Surely the boys of purple and white will put St. Helens on the map. That's just what the Elks are in this world for—to make humanity lift up its head and show one big, grand, broad smile. The boys from Portland will come by 'the byways' and 'the highways' with a band that will 'open up the town hall' with a big hurrah for B. P. O. E."

"It is with pleasure I announce that a patriotic address will be delivered by the Hon. K. K. Kubli, past exalted ruler of Portland, Oregon, lodge No. 142."

The following program will be rendered, and, of course, with the encores the musicians will receive, the program will be a most enjoyable one.

E. Clöff, conductor.

March—"Chancellor"..... Losey
Overture—"Der Tambour de Gard"..... Tittle

Intermezzo—"La Secret"..... Gauthier
Fantasia—"Sunny South"..... Lampe
Selection—"Faust"..... Gounod

The Elks' band is famous and one of the leading bands of the northwest, and those who miss hearing it next Wednesday night will certainly miss a great treat. Remember, there is no admission, no collection. The Elks are sending their band to St. Helens so that St. Helens people may have the pleasure of hearing it, and then, of course, the Elks want to get better acquainted in St. Helens, for all good Elks like to be acquainted with his fellow man. You had better come early so as to secure admission.

CITY OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED

The mass meeting of citizens, or caucus, for the purpose of nominating men to serve as city officials during the ensuing terms will be held at the city hall Monday night, March 18, at 8 o'clock. A mayor, a treasurer, three councilmen and a water commissioner are to be named. Ordinarily only two councilmen are elected each year, two holding over, but this year there are two councilmen who were appointed to fill unexpired terms, and the charter states that when an official is appointed to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation, death or removal of the incumbent, the appointee is to serve until the next election. J. W. McDonald was appointed to succeed Washington Muckle and Aaron Kelly to succeed E. I. Ballagh, who was elevated to the mayoralty. The term of T. S. White expires and he states he will not be a candidate for reelection. Both McDonald and Kelly have made good as councilmen and it is very improbable that they will have any opposition, but the successor to Mr. White will have to be nominated and elected. Mayor Ballagh declares that he has had enough of the job, but his friends will insist on his serving the city for another term, and it is a foregone conclusion that he will be renominated if he will permit his name to come before the caucus.

H. P. Watkins is the present treasurer, and someone will be nominated to succeed him, as is the case of J. W. Akin, the outgoing water commissioner.

Several amendments to the charter will also be submitted to the voters, one of them being the proposal to bond the city for a small amount to aid in the construction of the St. Helens-Columbia City road.